

# **STRENGTH AND DUCTILITY OF NANOSTRUCTURED SPD METALS**

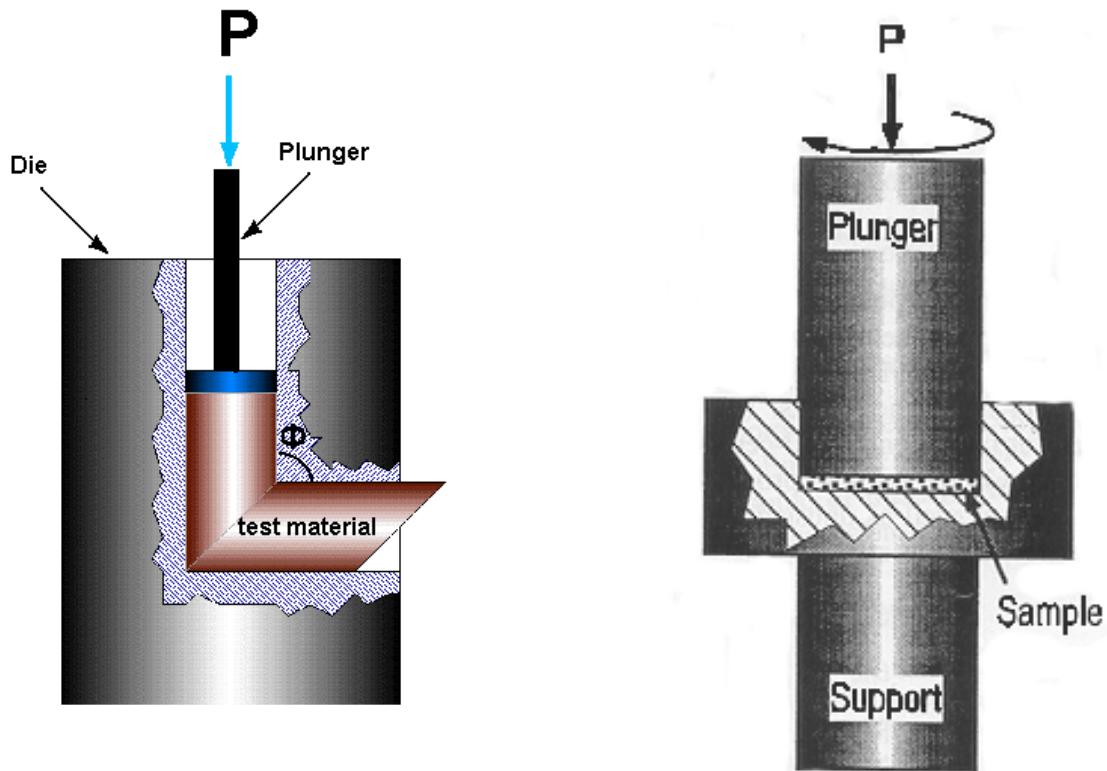
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a) Principle of equal-channel angular  
pressing

Analysis of true strains:

a) Equal-channel angular pressing:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{N \cdot 2}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \operatorname{ctg} \phi}$$

$N$  – number of cycles

$r$  – radius of specimen

$d$  – thickness of specimen

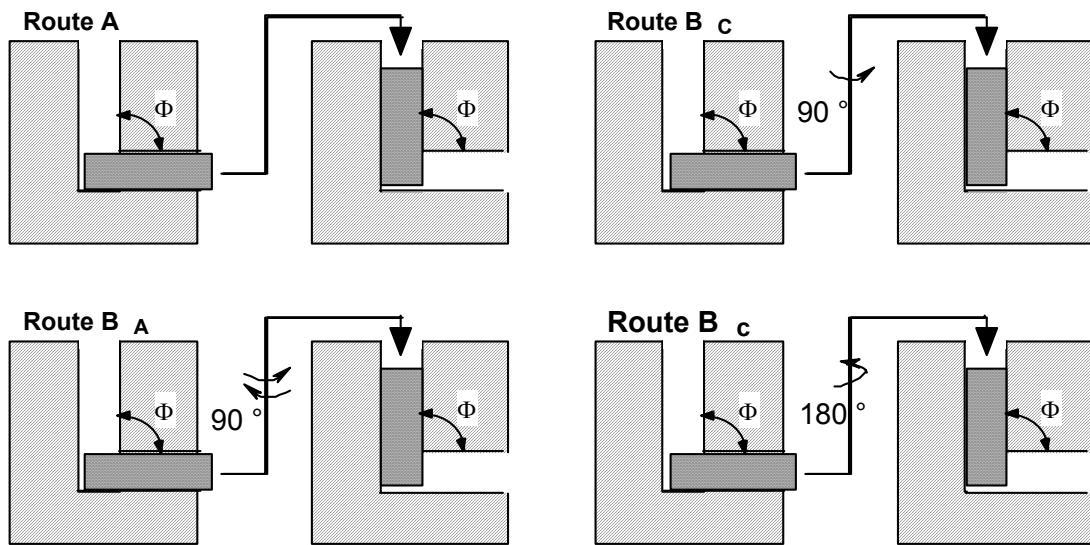
b) Principle of torsion  
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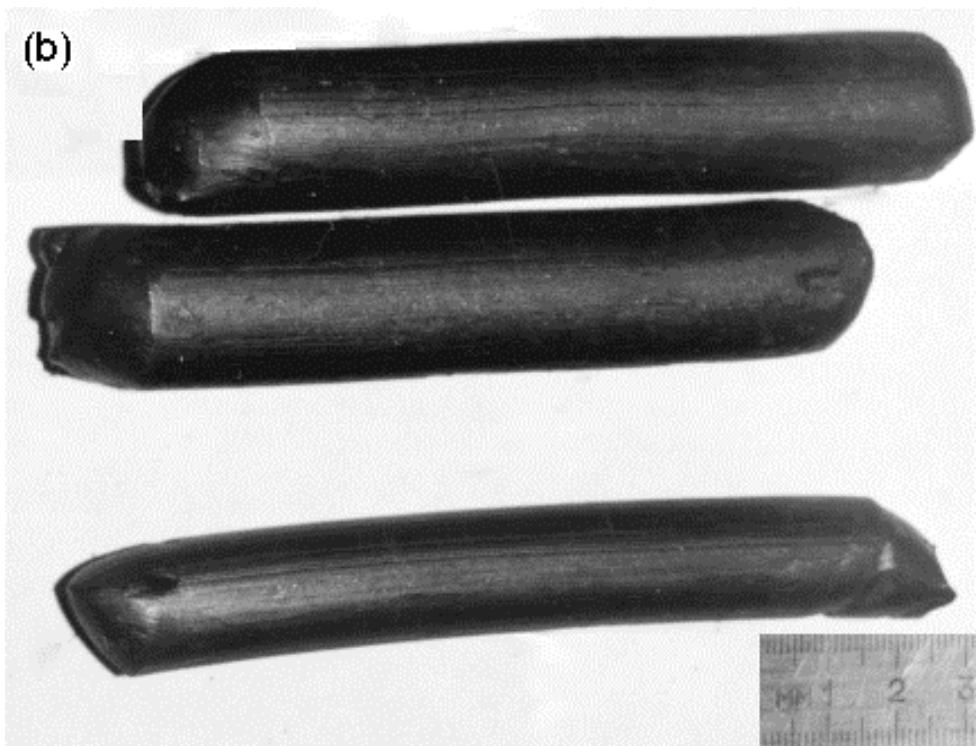
$$\varepsilon = \frac{2\pi \cdot n \cdot r}{d}$$

$n$  – number of turns

## ECAP PROCESSING



VIEW OF TYPICAL BILLETS PRODUCED BY ECAP  
(ROUTE Bc)

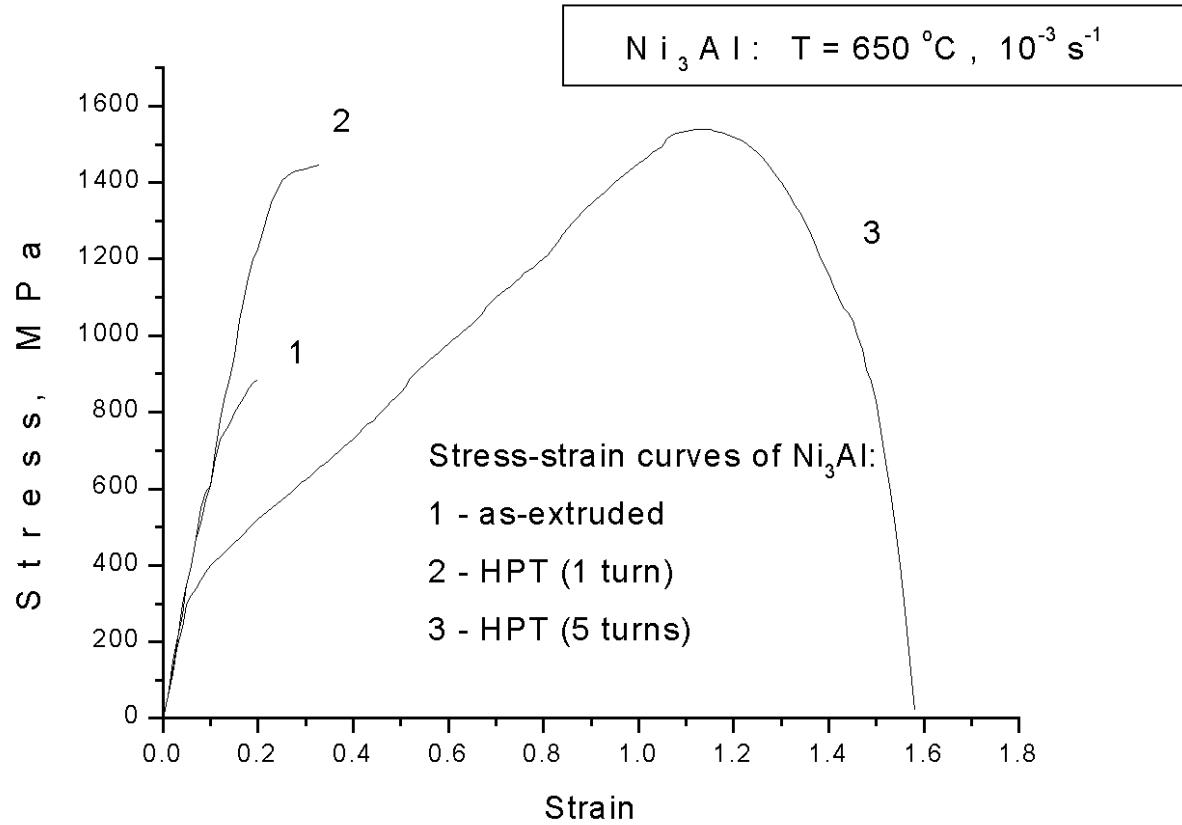


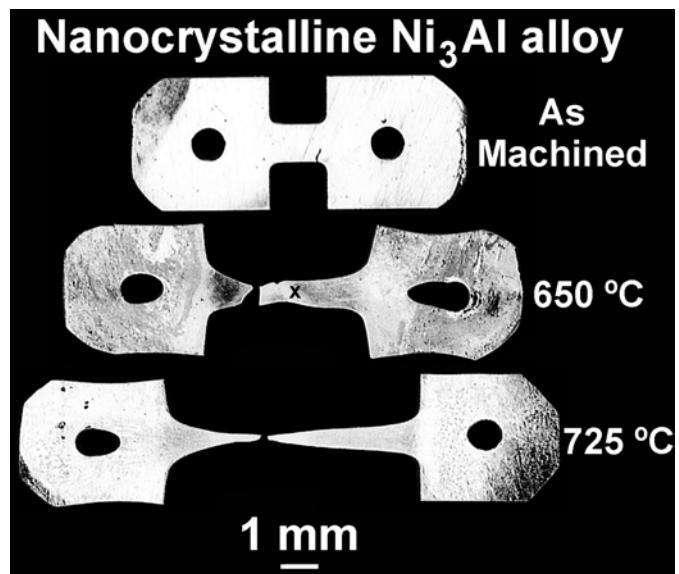


**Billets of commercially pure tungsten after ECA pressing in matrix with angle of channels intersection equal to  $90^\circ$ .**



**Billets out of CP tungsten; (a) before, (b) after ECA pressing by Route C, 8 passes, using the modification (see the text for details) of SPD processing.**



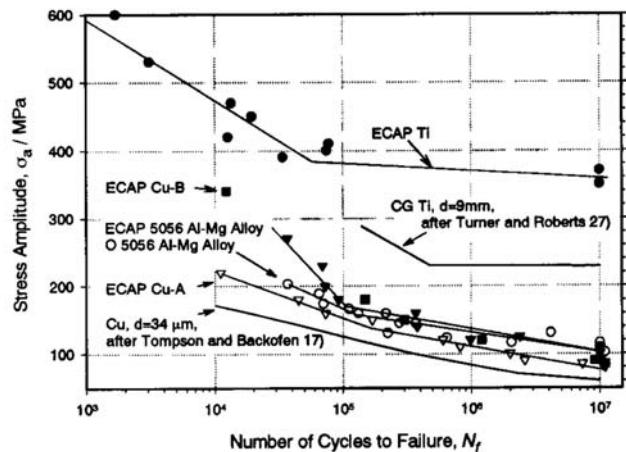


**Appearance of the nanocrystalline Ni<sub>3</sub>Al before and after tensile tests: as-machined and after pulling at 650°C,  $1\times 10^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$ , 390% elongation (the crossmark on the gauge denotes the region from where the TEM/HREM specimen was prepared) and at 725°C,  $1\times 10^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$ , 560% elongation.**

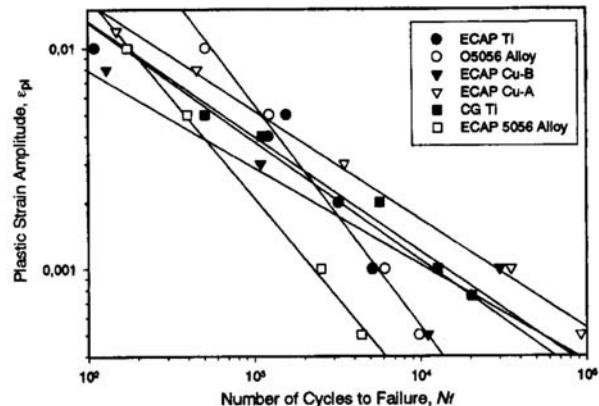
Table Mechanical properties of UFG ECAP metals in comparison with their coarse-grain counterparts.

CG—coarse grain, State 1, 2 and 3 are referred to as “equiaxial”, “laminar” and “fragmented” structure attained during ECA-processing, respectively, according to original notations used in the cited papers; N/A—data not available;  $\delta$ —relative tensile elongation.

	VT1-0					Cu <sup>13,15)</sup>			5056 Al-Mg <sup>23,48)</sup>	
	UFG 0.3 μm	CG 15 μm	State 1 0.25 μm	State 2 <0.20 μm	State 3 0.15 μm	A 0.2 μm	B 0.2 μm	CG 35 μm	ECAP 0.3 μm	O-temper 25 μm
$\sigma_y$ , MPa	650	380	625	1020	920	390	440	140	392	122
$\sigma_{UTS}$ , MPa	810	460	710	1050	1035	410	480	240	442	288
$\sigma_{f0}$ , MPa	380	238	404	420	460	80	80	65	116	116
$\sigma_{f0}/\sigma_y$	0.58	0.62	0.64	0.41	0.50	0.20	0.18	0.65	0.3	0.95
$\sigma_{f0}/\sigma_{UTS}$	0.48	0.52	0.57	0.40	0.44	0.20	0.17	0.27	0.26	0.58
$\sigma_{f0}/\sigma_{yCG}$	1.00	—	1.06	1.10	1.21	0.57	0.57	—	0.95	—
$\sigma_{f0}/\sigma_{f0CG}$	1.60	-1.70	1.76	1.93	1.23	1.23	—	1.0	—	—
$\delta$	0.15	0.26	0.14	0.06	0.10	0.22	0.17	0.46	0.07	0.43
$\varepsilon_f$	0.08	0.09	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.11	0.08	0.27	0.06	0.22
$c$	-0.54	-0.52	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.44	-0.49	-0.5	-0.84	-0.84



The S-N diagrams of ECAP materials.



Coffin-Manson plot of Cu, 5056 Al-Mg alloy and Ti before and after ECAP.

## Fatigue life

**Low-cycle fatigue (LCF) and high-cycle fatigue (HCF) regimes are conventionally distinguished in accord with applied strain amplitudes. In a strain-based approach to fatigue life<sup>37,38)</sup> it is naturally to relate the total strain range  $\Delta\varepsilon_t$  to the sum of elastic  $\Delta\varepsilon_{el}$  and plastic  $\Delta\varepsilon_{pl}$  components:**

$$\Delta\varepsilon_t = \Delta\varepsilon_{el} + \Delta\varepsilon_{pl} \quad (1)$$

**To describe HCF and LCF two following empiric formula link the number of cycles to failure  $N_f$  with strain ranges  $\Delta\varepsilon_{el}$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon_{pl}$  through Basquin (2) and Coffin-Manson (3) law correspondingly:<sup>6,37,38</sup>**

$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon_{pl}}{2} = \frac{\sigma_f}{E} (2N_f)^b \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon_{pl}}{2} = \varepsilon_f (2N_f)^c \quad (3)$$

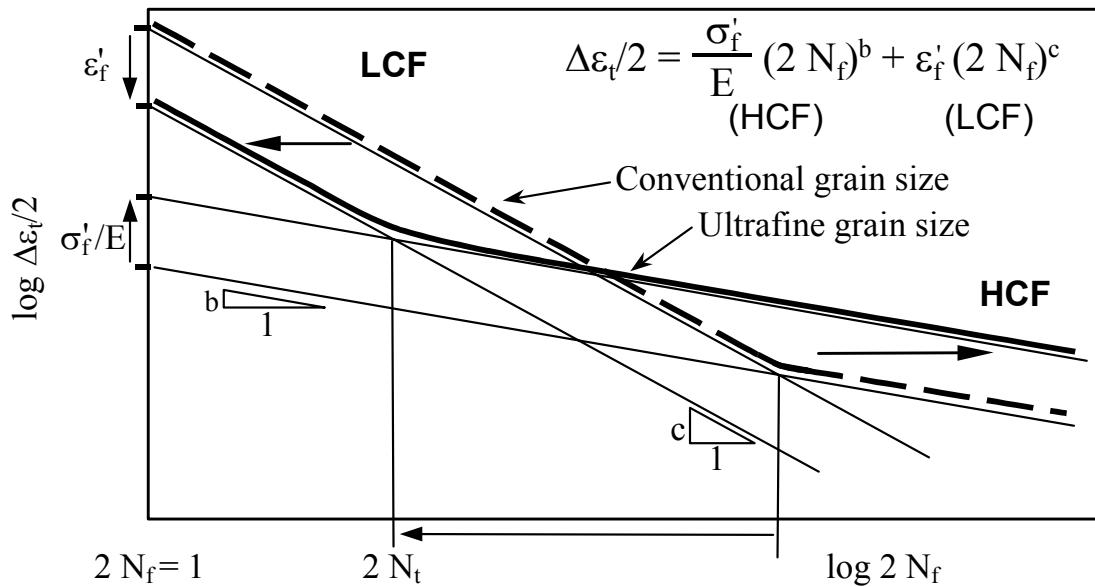
**where  $2N_f$  represents the number of stress reversals,  $E$  is the Young's modulus,  $\sigma_f$  and  $\varepsilon_f$  are the fatigue strength and ductility coefficients and  $b$  and  $c$  are known as fatigue strength and ductility exponents, respectively. Using the Hook's law the Basquin relation can be rewritten as**

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{2} = \frac{\Delta\varepsilon_{el}E}{2} = \sigma_f (2N_f)^b \quad (4)$$

**and the stress amplitude  $\Delta\sigma$  becomes explicitly connected with  $N_f$  accounting for the standard Wholer S-N curve (stress vs number cycles to failure). Combining (2) and (3) through (1) one obtains for the total strain amplitude  $\Delta\varepsilon_t/2$ .**

$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon_t}{2} = \frac{\sigma_f}{E} (2N_f)^b + \varepsilon_f (2N_f)^c \quad (5)$$

**Fatigue exponents  $c$  and  $b$  typically take values  $c = -0.5$  to  $-0.6$  and  $b = -0.05$  to  $-0.12$ .<sup>37,38)</sup>  $\varepsilon_f$  and  $\sigma_f$  correspond often to monotonic fracture strain and stress, respectively, with a fairly good accuracy.**



**Schematic illustration of enhanced high-cycle fatigue (HCF) life and reduced low-cycle fatigue (LCF) life typical of conventional UFG materials due to increased fatigue strength coefficient  $\sigma'_f$  and reduced fatigue ductility coefficient  $\epsilon'_f$ , respectively. Note also the reduced transition fatigue life  $N_t$ . E: Young's modulus.**

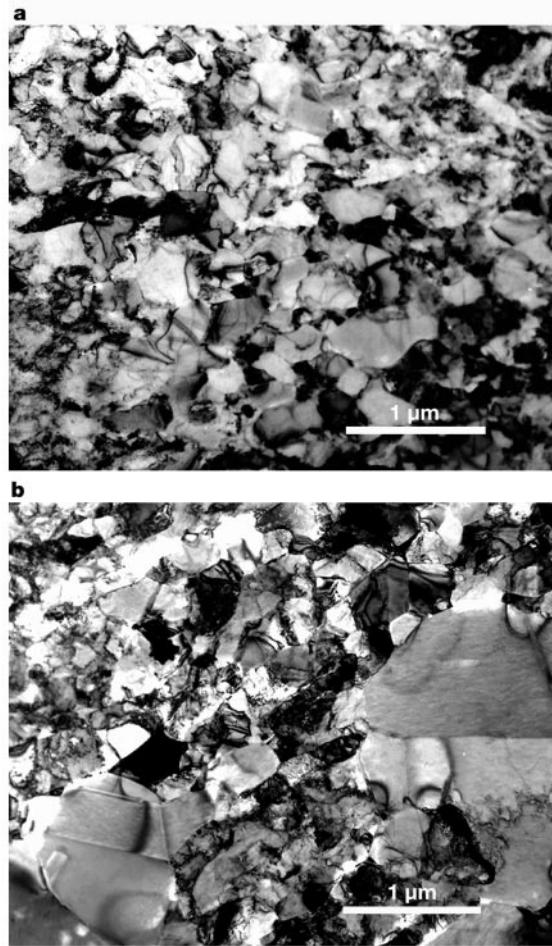
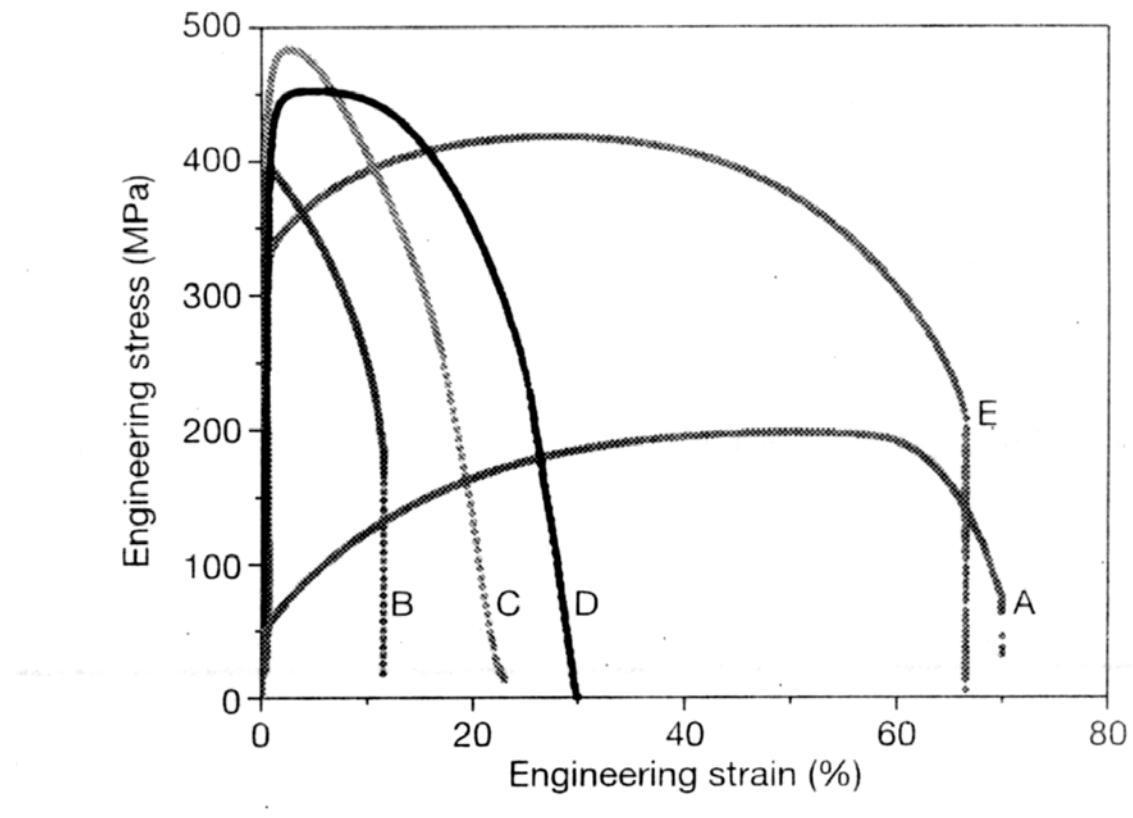


Figure 2 Transmission electron micrographs showing the evolution of the Cu microstructure. Panels a and b show the samples used to obtain the curves D and E in Fig. 1, respectively. After annealing at 180 °C for 3 min (a), recovery has occurred, and the dislocation density is much reduced. The vast majority of the grains are in the nanocrystalline/ultrafine range, with some recrystallized regions. Heat-treating at 200 °C for 3 min led to full recrystallization followed by secondary recrystallization (b).

# HIGH TENSILE DUCTILITY IN A NANOSTRUCTURED METAL

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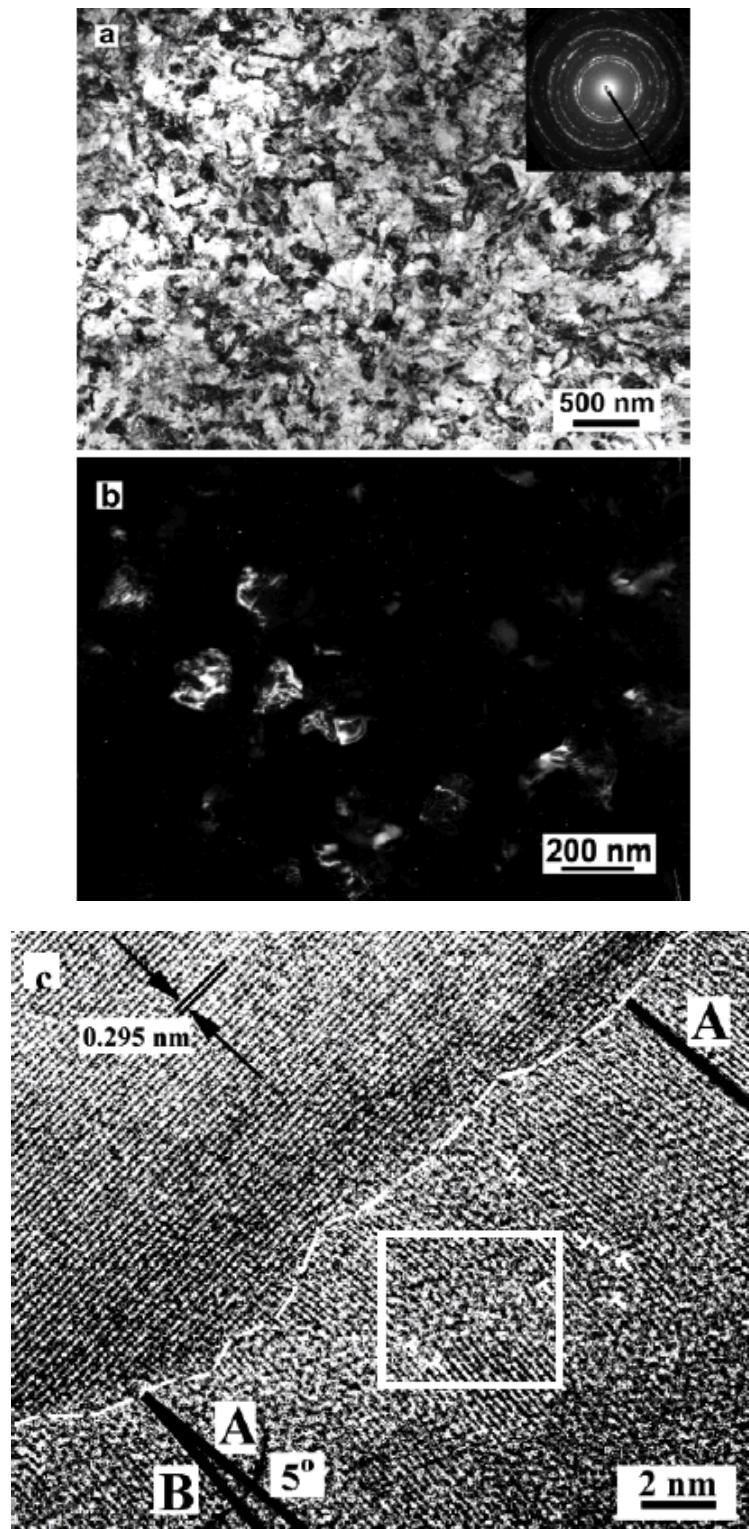
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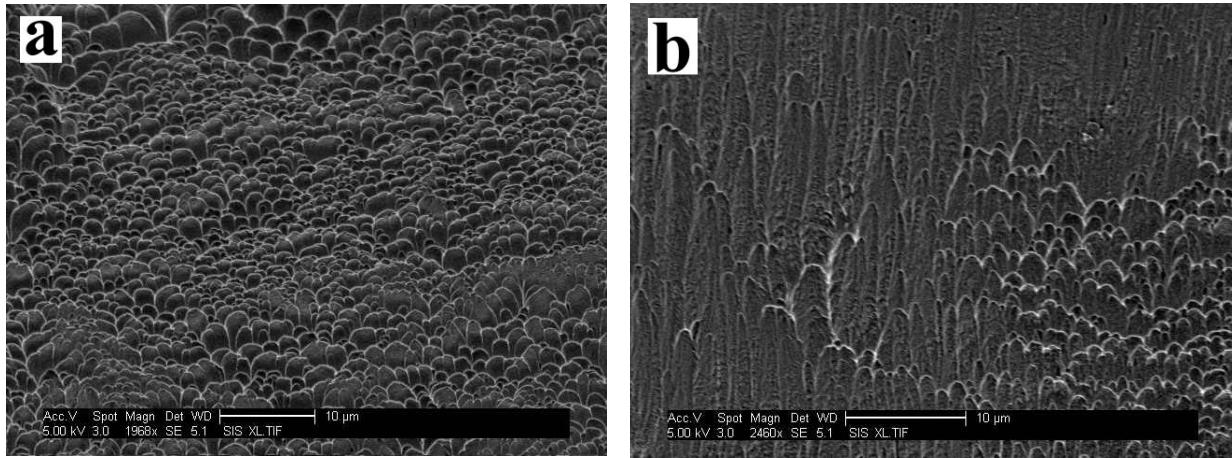
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figure 1 Engineering stress–strain curves for pure Cu. Curve A, annealed, coarse-grained Cu; B, room temperature rolling to 95% cold work (CW); C, liquid-nitrogen-temperature rolling to 93% CW; D, 93% CW + 180 °C, 3 min.; and E, 93% CW + 200 °C, 3 min. Note the coexisting high strength and large uniform plastic strain as well as large overall percentage elongation to failure for curve E.

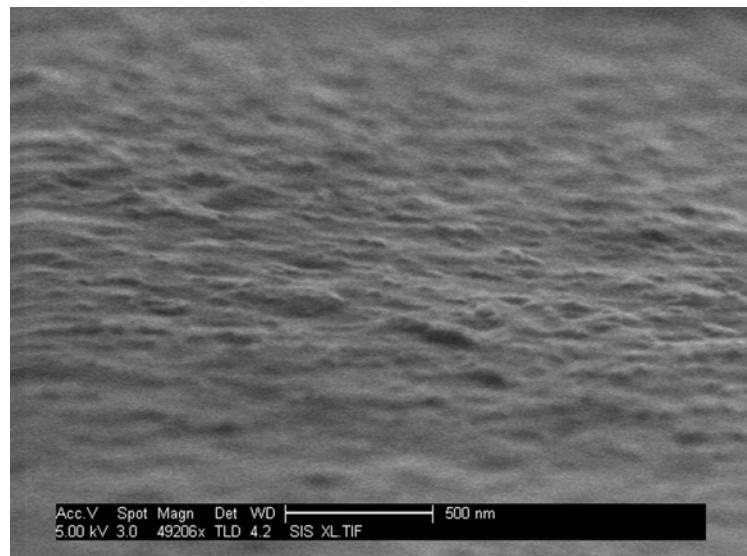
# THE MICROSTRUCTURE OF HPT-PRODUCED CP Ti



Typical TEM bright field (with SAED as an insert) (a) and dark field (b) micrographs and HREM image (c) of as-processed CP Ti.



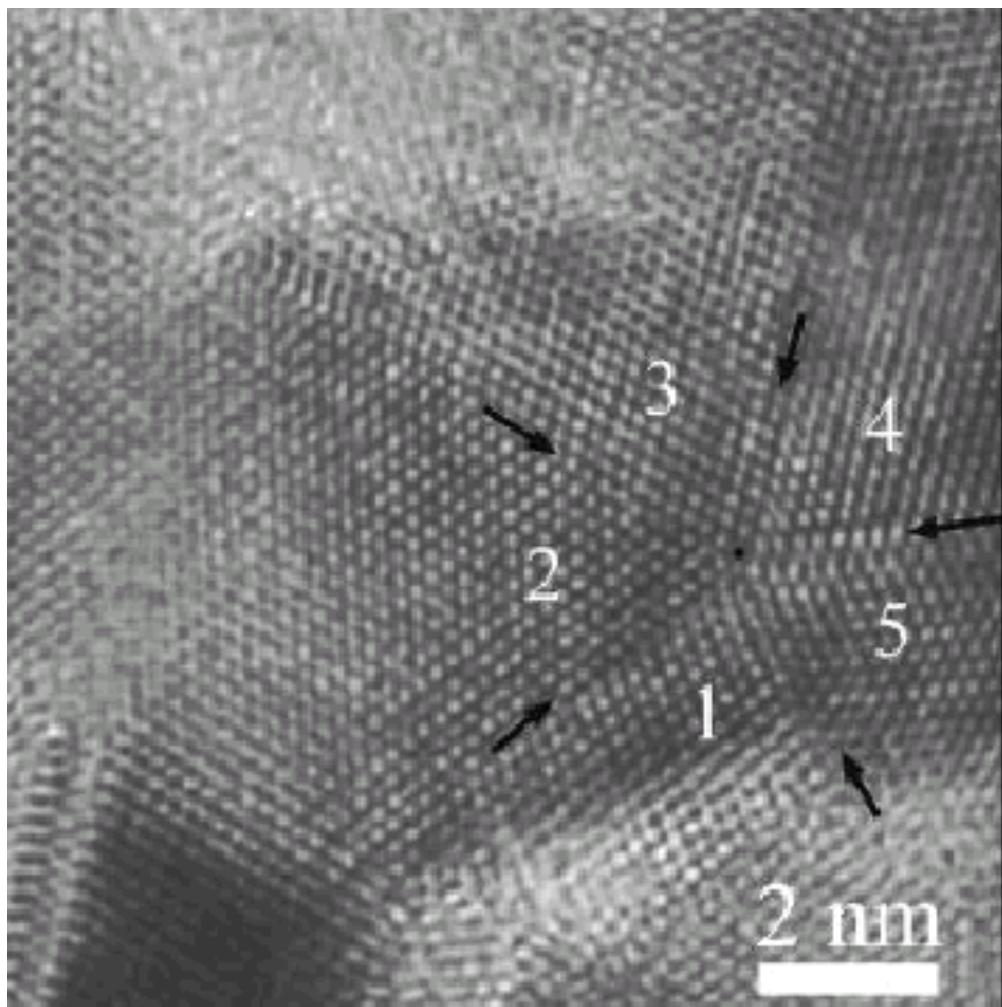
**Fracture surfaces of the samples deformed at room temperature: (a) after HPT;  
(b) after HPT and annealing at 250 °C for 10 min.**



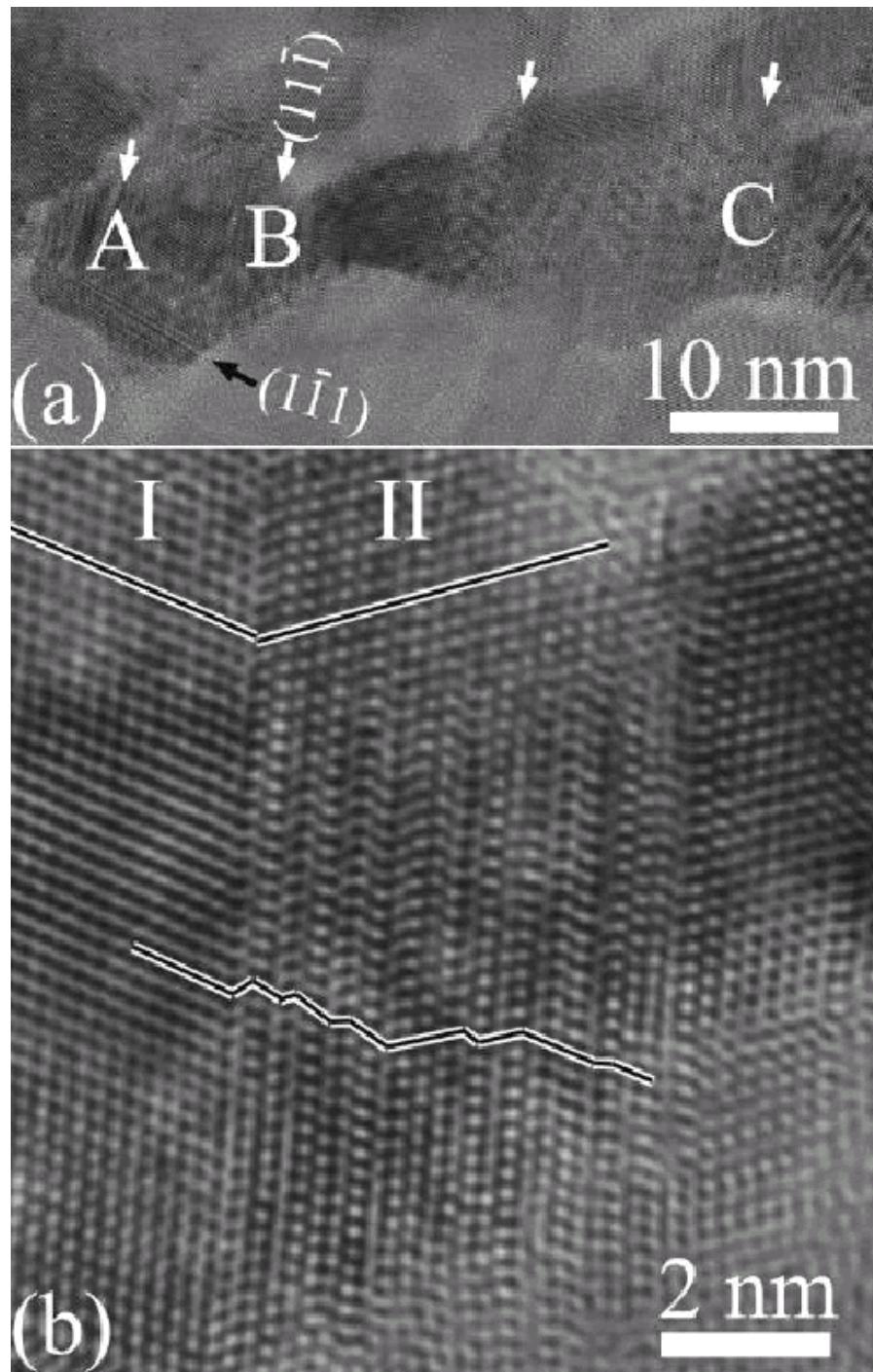
**A view of the gage surface after deformation at room temperature.**

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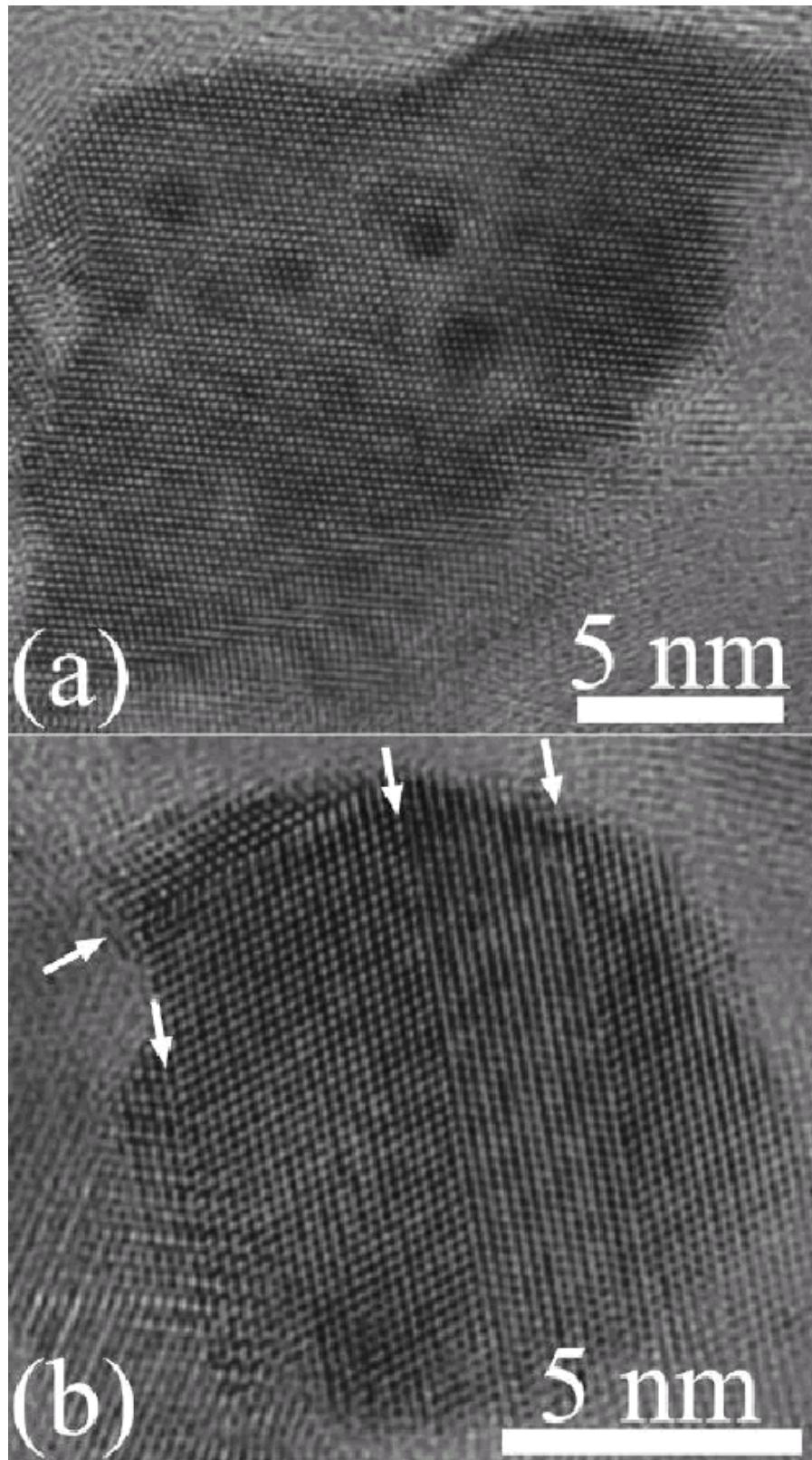
# DEFORMATION TWINNING AND STACKING FAULTS IN NANOSTRUCTURED COPPER



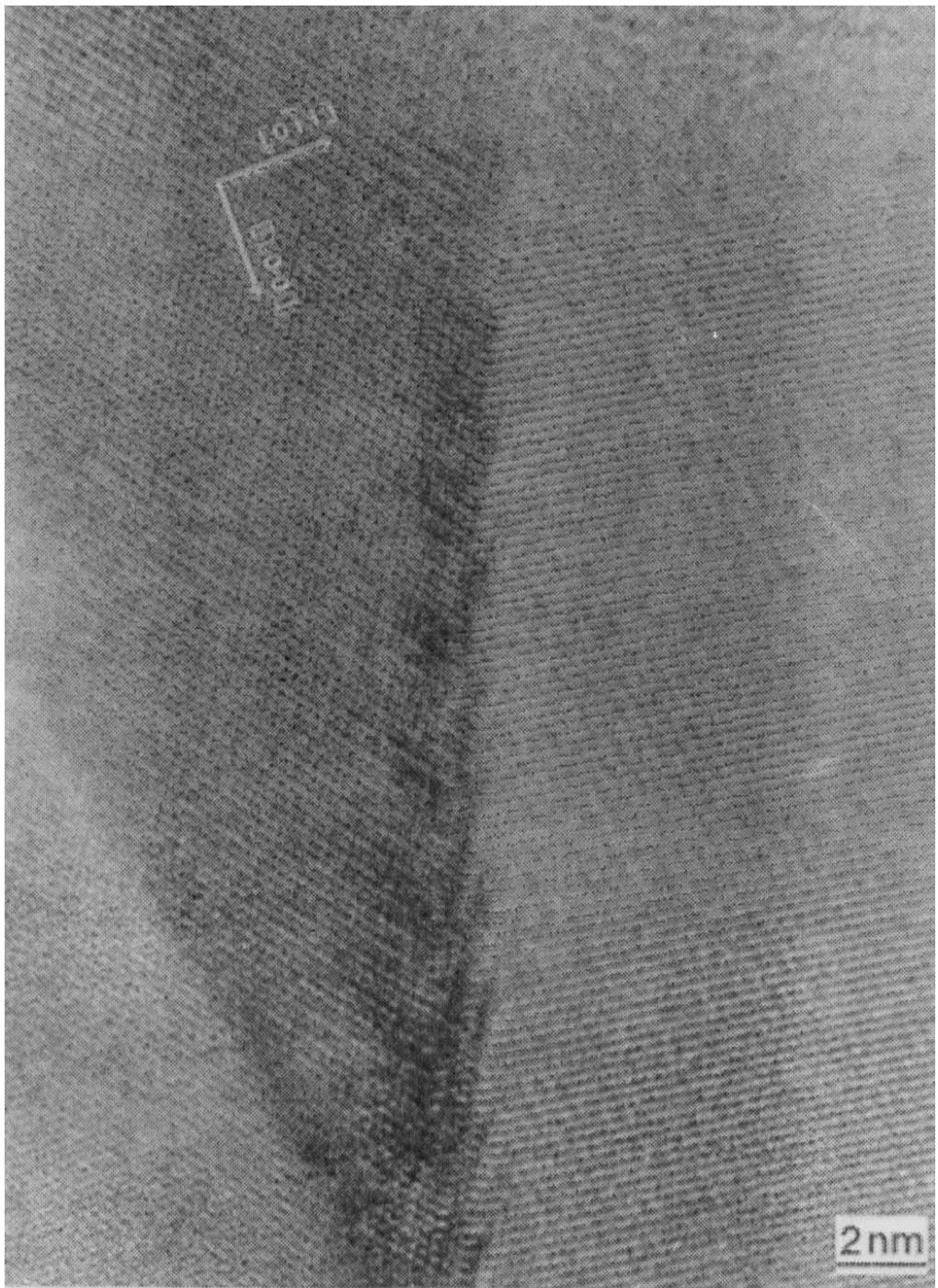
A typical image of a five-fold twin. The twin boundaries are indicated by black arrows and each twin domain is marked with 1 to 5, respectively. The twin center is highlighted with a black full circle.



**(a)** A typical [011] HRTEM image of an elongated crystallite with width varying from smaller than 10 nm to about 20 nm. Twins are seen in this crystallite with most of the twin planes are  $(1\bar{1}\bar{1})$  (indicated by white arrows) and one twin plane is  $(\bar{1}\bar{1}1)$  (indicated by a black arrow). Micro-twins and stacking faults are seen in three areas marked A, B, and C, respectively; **(b)** an enlarged image of area B in (a). The upper part of the image shows only two twin domains I and II, while the lower part of II have a lot of micro-twins and stacking faults with one end of the micro-twins/stacking faults stops within the crystallite.

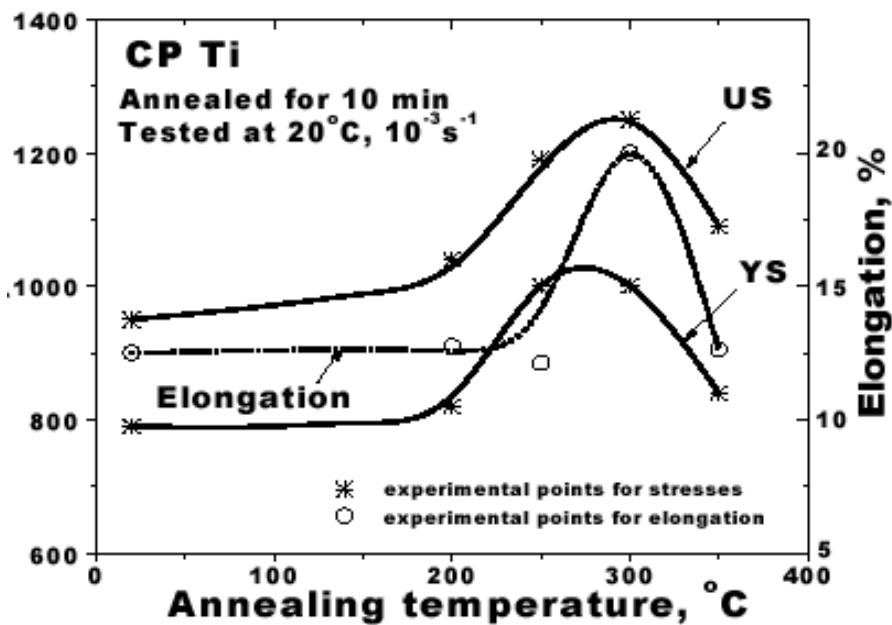
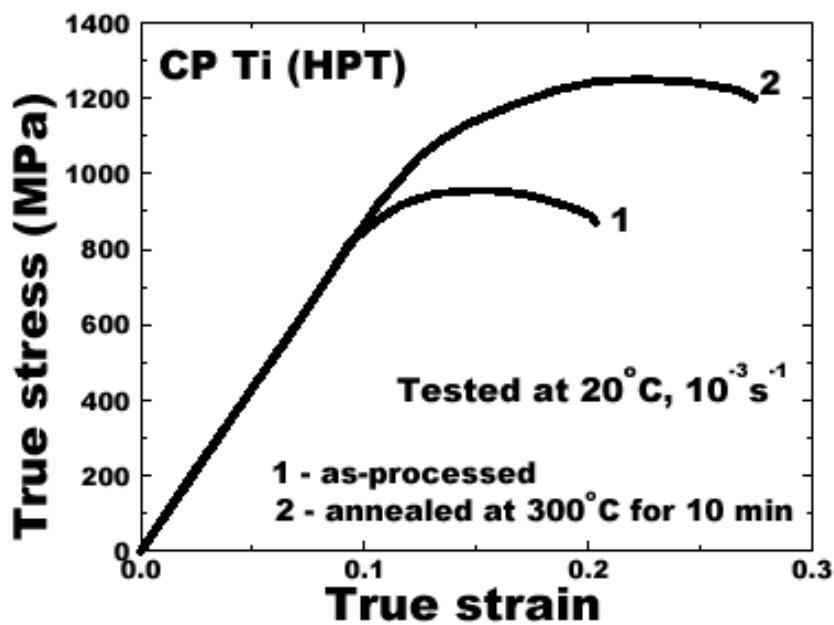


(a) A typical HRTEM image of an equiaxed copper grain without crystalline defect in the grain and  
(b) a typical HRTEM image of an equiaxed grain with micro-twins. The twin boundaries are indicated by arrows.



**Al-3%Mg, d=100 nm**

**Z. Horita et al., 1996**



True stress-strain curves of CP Ti after HPT and annealing.

Dependences of ultimate stress (US) and yield stress (YS) on annealing temperature.

